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Northwest Territories Population – April 2015

On April 1, 2015 Statistics Canada estimated that 43,234 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 1.1% from the previous year. At the national level, Canada's population increased by 0.9% between April 1, 2014 and April 1, 2015. With the exception of the Northwest Territories and two of the Atlantic Provinces, all other provinces and territories experienced positive growth.

Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
April 1, 2012 to April 1, 2015

	2015 Apr 1	% Change	2014 Apr 1	% Change	2013 Apr 1	% Change	2012 Apr 1	% Change
Canada	35,749,600	0.9	35,416,179	1.1	35,019,870	1.1	34,622,312	1.1
Northwest Territories	43,234	-1.1	43,725	-0.2	43,834	0.5	43,612	0.8
Nunavut	36,886	1.8	36,250	3.4	35,055	1.5	34,523	1.8
Yukon	36,789	1.6	36,225	-0.2	36,300	1.5	35,779	2.3
British Columbia	4,666,892	1.1	4,616,626	1.0	4,569,329	0.9	4,529,351	0.9
Alberta	4,175,409	2.2	4,086,639	3.0	3,969,499	2.9	3,856,669	2.3
Saskatchewan	1,134,402	1.3	1,120,129	1.8	1,100,288	1.8	1,080,633	1.8
Manitoba	1,292,151	1.2	1,276,545	1.2	1,261,214	1.2	1,245,873	1.4
Ontario	13,750,073	0.8	13,640,187	1.0	13,502,429	1.0	13,366,454	1.1
Quebec	8,245,470	0.7	8,190,604	0.8	8,129,605	0.9	8,057,872	0.9
New Brunswick	753,319	-0.1	754,176	-0.2	755,470	-0.1	756,318	0.2
Nova Scotia	942,926	0.1	942,190	-0.1	943,246	-0.1	944,588	0.1
Prince Edward Island	146,293	0.3	145,789	0.4	145,181	0.2	144,844	1.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	525,756	-0.3	527,094	-0.3	528,420	0.5	525,796	0.3

Between April 1, 2014 and April 1, 2015, the population in the Northwest Territories decreased by 491 persons. The components of natural increase during this period consisted of 691 births and 203 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 488 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 2,258 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 3,281 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 1,023 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 44 persons.

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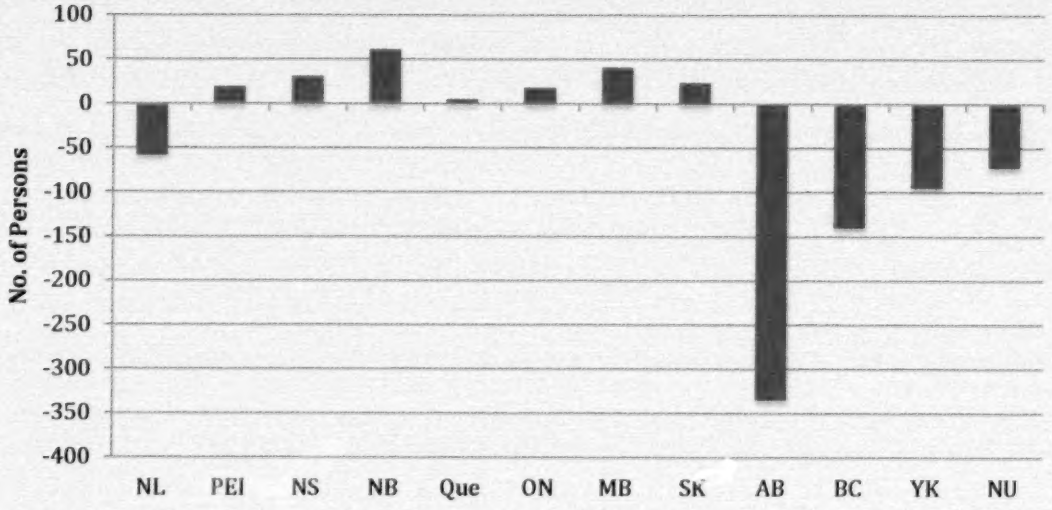
In terms of quarterly growth, the NWT population fell by 361 persons between January 1, 2015 and April 1, 2015. The population decrease was a result of a loss of 494 persons through migration offset by a gain of 133 persons through natural increase.

Similar to previous quarters, Alberta accounted for the largest number of net inter-provincial migrants in and out of the NWT between January 1, 2015 and April 1, 2015. Approximately 139 persons moved to the NWT from Alberta and 474 persons moved from the territory to Alberta, resulting in net loss of 335 persons, approximately two thirds of all NWT net migrants (Figure 1). All other provinces, except for British Columbia, experienced the largest loss of migrants to Alberta as well.

Figure 1 Net Inter-provincial Migration by Province and Territory, January 1, 2015 to April 1, 2015



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2008 are presented in Table 2.

For more information about these estimates or for community level population estimates and projections, please visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at http://www.statsnwt.ca or call (867) 873-7147.

Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories - January 1, 2008 to April 1, 2015

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	---- Interprovincial Migration ---- In	Out	Net	Net International	Error of Closure
2015	Jan-Mar	43,595	43,234	179	46	665	1,166	-501	7	-
2014	Jan-Dec	43,933	43,595	695	201	2,184	3,078	-894	62	-
	Oct-Dec	43,795	43,595	157	52	242	534	-292	-13	-
	Jul-Sep	43,623	43,795	195	59	560	559	1	35	-
	Apr-Jun	43,725	43,623	160	46	791	1,022	-231	15	-
	Jan-Mar	43,933	43,725	183	44	591	963	-372	25	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,802	43,933	698	194	1,607	2,132	-525	152	-
	Oct-Dec	43,830	43,933	158	50	249	262	-13	8	-
	Jul-Sep	43,841	43,830	197	57	343	508	-165	14	-
	Apr-Jun	43,834	43,841	160	44	535	723	-188	79	-
	Jan-Mar	43,802	43,834	183	43	480	639	-159	51	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,501	43,802	694	189	1,563	1,897	-334	130	-
	Oct-Dec	43,702	43,802	157	49	186	225	-39	31	-
	Jul-Sep	43,639	43,702	196	55	409	505	-96	18	-
	Apr-Jun	43,612	43,639	159	43	452	588	-136	47	-
	Jan-Mar	43,501	43,612	182	42	516	579	-63	34	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,501	690	188	2,183	2,430	-247	36	48
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135
2009	Jan-Dec	43,109	42,962	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	16	135
2008	Jan-Dec	43,351	43,109	721	201	1,897	2,623	-726	100	136

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.
Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2011 and 2006 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.